the following works at Borjhar airport at Guwahati :

(i) The existing Terminal Building is being extended and modified to cater to 750 arriving and 750 departing passengers at a time,

(ii) Extension of apron from 800 ft. X 300 ft. to 950 ft. X 350 ft. to accommodate more number of aircraft,

(iii) Installation of State of the art Radar Equipment,

(iv) Extension of the runway from 9000 ft. to 12000 ft.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Shortage of Hotel Rooms

297 DR .T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether shortage of hotel rooms in Metropolitan cities has been increasing day by day;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) (a) to (c) Yes, Sir There is a shortage of hotel rooms espesially in the metro cities of Bombay and Delhi The construction of hotels is mainly a private sector activity But fiscal benefits are provided to encourage more hotels to come up under the recognised category. Government generally acts as a catalyst in this regard

[Translation]

Setting up of Airport in Ajmer

298 PROF RASA SINGH RAWAT . Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether all major cities in Rajasthan have connected with air service,

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government of Rajasthan, various political organisations and public representatives have requested the Union Government for setting up of an airport at Ajmer; and

(d) if so the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has requested the State Government of Rajasthan to acquire and hand over 460 acres of land free of cost, for development of an airport at Ajmer.

AIR/Doordarshan Centres in Rajasthan

299. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the dates on which All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendras were set up at Ajmer in Rajasthan;

(b) the amount spent on development of the said Kendras so far;

(c) whether the Government have received any representation regarding transmission of Vividh Bharti programmes and production of Doordarshan programmes at the said Kendras;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(f) whether the Government propose to expand these Kendras; and

(g) if so, the time by which these are likely to be expanded?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Whereas All India Radio Station at Ajmer was commissioned on 11.12.1955 Low Power Transmitter of Doordarshan has been functional since 22.8 1984.

(b) While All India Radio has incurred an expenditure of approx. Rs 208.51 lakhs on upgradation/replacement of the transmitter in Ajmer, Doordarshan has spent Rs. 20.33 lakhs on this account so far.

(c) No Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise

[English]

Setting Up of AIR Stations in Kerala

300. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether any new Radio Stations are being set up or proposed to be set up in Kerala during the current year,